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4. PRESS INTEREST IS INTENSE. EMBASSY IS USING THE FOLLOWING IN DEALING WITH THE RESIDENT FOREIGN PRESS CORPS:

Q: WHAT IS THE LATEST ON DAI QING? THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THAT AMBASSADOR ROY WOULD BE FOLLOWING UP. WHAT TOOK PLACE, IF ANYTHING?

A: THE AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT DAI QING HAS NOT BEEN ARRESTED AND IS FREE. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM THIS THROUGH DIRECT CONTACT WITH HER.

Q: WHAT COMMENT DOES THE EMBASSY HAVE ON DAI QING'S DETENTION?

A: AS THE SECRETARY MADE PLAIN AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY, THAT WOULD BE DISTRESSING NEWS IF TRUE.

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